

NATIONAL EDUCATION (IRELAND) (COMMISSIONERS' ORDERS).

RETURN to an Order of The Honourable the House of Commons,
dated the 11th August, 1904;—for

A "RETURN showing (1) Number of Orders made by the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, between the 1st day of April, 1900, and the 1st day of April, 1904, cancelling the Salaries of Assistant Teachers in National Schools owing to the average attendance being under 60; (2) and number of such appointments that would not have been cancelled if the average Attendance for an Assistant were recognised at 50 instead of 60; (3) also, up to what date and for what period previously was an average attendance of 50 accepted by the Commissioners as sufficient to qualify a School for the services of an Assistant."

(Mr. Boland.)

Ordered, by THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, to be printed,
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(3) Up to what date and for what period previously was an average of 50 accepted by the Commissioners as sufficient to qualify a school for the services of an Assistant?

As far as can be ascertained, an attendance of 50 was not at any time considered sufficient for a Male Assistant in a school for boys.

In 1860 a minimum attendance of 30 warranted salary to a Female Assistant in a girls' or mixed school at the lowest rate of payment (that of Second Division of the Third Class). In order to warrant payment at the higher rate (First Division of Third Class), a minimum attendance of 55 was required. This arrangement continued until 1872, from which year until 1879 an average attendance of 30 sufficed for a Female Assistant. During this period (1872-1879) there was no distinction between the rates of pay of Second Division and First Division of Third Class Teachers.

W. J. DILWORTH,
Secretary.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL EDUCATION, DUBLIN,
22nd August, 1904.